

REMARKS

Any arguments made herein are only to be considered as to the claims to which the argument is directed. No estoppel is intended or should be taken to any other claims to which the arguments herein are not specifically directed.

Claim 1, claims 3 through 7 inclusive, claims 9 through 11 inclusive, and claims 13 through 17, claims 19 and 20 are pending and are presented for reconsideration. Claims 2, 8, 12, and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice. The subject matter of claims 8 and 18 has amended into independent claims 1 and 11 respectively.

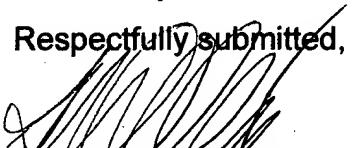
The subject matter of pending independent claims 1 and 11 in the application incorporates the subject matter of claims 8 and 18 for which the United States Patent and Trademark Office Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences did not sustain the Examiner's rejections.

Therefore, it is believed that no issues remain unresolved in the present application.

Summary

Claim 1, claims 3 through 7 inclusive, claims 9 through 11 inclusive, and claims 13 through 17, claims 19 and 20 are pending. The applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and such is earnestly solicited. Should questions concerning this application arise the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to advance prosecution of this application. The applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and such is earnestly solicited.

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